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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERBOROUGH.

ABBREVIATED REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1941.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	14.6
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	-	11.9
Death Rate of Infants per1,000 live births	-	59.4
Deaths from Puerperal causes		
Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Measles, Whooping Cough		Nil

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

1. (a) Laboratory Facilities.

Contract - £10 per annum with the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, has proved of immense value.

(b) Nursing in the Home.

General Nursing.

Eight villages are entirely without the services of a trained District Nurse, as they have not supported the local District Nursing Association. (Castor & District)

SECTION E. MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

72 Registered Purveyors, either wholesale or retail and of butter, only one at the end of the year.

Inspections show in spite of many difficulties of shortag of labour, conditions under which milk is produced and distributed is still well up to standard.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

	Cases notified during year.	Admitted to Hospital	Rate per 1,000 population.
Diphtheria	1	1	1.2
Scarlet Fever	9	4	0.1
Pneumonia	1	1	
Measles	79	-	11.3
Whooping Cough	16	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	

Free Diphtheria Immunisation is provided by the County Council. The response on the part of parents has been satisfactory.

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FEVER HOSPITAL ACCOMODATION.

This has been adequate in all cases usual for admission, viz: Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis etc.

A Minor Infectious Disease Hospital was provided in Stamford, (Barn Hill House, since removed to The White House, St. Martin's, Stamford), for evacuee children, in the Spring of 1941. This hospital opened after the winter epidemics, and has therefore not yet been fully utilized.

Children normally resident in the districts can be admitted, at a weekly charge to the Council concerned, of £3.3.0. per week.

Ambulance facilities are provided by Civil Defence, Kesteven vehicles, by arrangement with the Controller A.R.P.

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August 1942. Medical Officer of Health.